

Beloved Companion:

Now that you are going to venture into the realms beyond Orthodox Theology and Orthodox Science it is well that a clear distinction between them be made that you may have these principles in mind when considering your future work.

No doubt you are already keenly aware of the criticism to which Occult Science is subjected by those who are following a purely materialistic attitude toward life. This criticism arises from two factors. First, the average individual's complete lack of knowledge concerning occult practices, and second, his misunderstanding of the fragmentary ideas which he may have concerning certain elementary principles. We who are engaged in this work must have a tolerant viewpoint toward life for we have a deeper realization of the Life Forces and we know beyond the shadow of a doubt that all things are connected and linked together under the Divine Plan. We do not criticize any branch of that Plan, for we recognize that it is fulfilling a Divine Purpose, although that purpose may not be the one toward which we ourselves are working.

But to turn to our original topic of Occultism and Science--the average scientist of a decade ago, when he was exploring the atom, when he was delving into the new field of electricity, imagined that he had dispensed with the necessity of acknowledging a Divine Force for earth plane manifestation. His findings actively sponsored a new school of Atheism; for he discovered a few fragmentary aspects of God's law and immediately, a propos de rien, concluded that the laws alone were responsible for earth plane manifestation, and that there was no God associated with them. He mistook the nature of these laws and drew an illogical conclusion without analysis or thought. After all, there is no real conflict between Occultism and Science. The occultist does not dispute the findings of science, but he points out that even though science has discovered that there are laws governing the Cosmos, that does not discredit the Omnipotence and Supreme Deity of a vital Force which conditions those laws. We contest the scientists' findings only when the latter attributes all things to the blind matter of the physical plane, and refuses to acknowledge that there is a higher source from whence issues the initial creative spark.

The work of the scientist is to classify, to organize and to discover earth plane manifestations, and the work of the esotericist is to explain that which they find in light of the First Cause which originated all things.

The work of the scientists' laboratories is useless, just as the work of the inventor is useless, unless their discoveries bring a broadening of vision and an awakening of further consciousness of the Supreme Influences which work in and through all of their efforts. If the modern inventions of the 20th century, for instance, are the product of nothing more than accident, chance, or earth plane coincidence, they have no intrinsic value; if they are only that they are futile and useless except for momentary profit. This inventive age has been continued for a number of years; accident could not have sustained the creation of these ideas, any more than the resources of the material plane could have alone produced them in the first place. The very fact that science and mechanical genius has been able to expand itself at this time like it has never been able to do in previous ages, verifies the fact that some agency is at work permitting this

expansion and promoting these new ideas. The mind of the Ancient Philosopher was certainly keen and alert, and yet Bacon for instance, for all of his brilliance, did not explore the atom nor did he invent a telescope to reach millions of light years beyond the nearest stars; he did not discover the uses of radium, nor did he understand that voices could be transmitted through vibration over vast spaces without wires or other communicative connection. His mind was brilliant, as was the ability of others of his age and previous ages, and yet it was specialized to certain things necessary to that age; it did not touch upon those things which are common to this generation.

The Occultist, when he analyzes these things, perceives that a great flood of Creative Force of a particular mechanical type is being made available for the modern scientist and engineer. It is as though special purveyance from a vast Divine storehouse were being made ready for use, supplies that were withheld from previous ages and of which they had no knowledge.

Simultaneously we very often find people contacting the same "original" idea. Machines will be invented by two parties who are totally unaware of the work of each other, and offered for patenting at the same moment. There is nothing strange in that; the two minds were simply attuned to the same Creative Vibration, and this attunement made it possible for them to manifest the same vibration of Creative Thought. They did not create the idea themselves, they simply attuned their thought waves to it.

So even in mechanics we find the Divine Influence at work. This age, rather than drawing us farther away from the Logos, is drawing us closer to It, because of the marvels of its opportunities. Science seeks to discover the reason and meaning of all of this through matter alone; it confines itself deliberately to the physical plane, and attempts to explain existence from that basis. The occultist acknowledges no such limitations, he perceives consciousness in its full stature of seven planes and is thus able to understand much that is unintelligible to the scientist.

Perhaps this period in which science is divorced from Occultism is only one phase after all. There was a time when the two were closely allied as one great and harmonious science. At that time the theory of Phlogiston was the accentuated one in research, and perhaps it was more accurate than the present theories of Oxygenation. Here and there we will find a brilliant new scientist who cleaves to original principles, and who perhaps may be part of the van of research leaders to unite the esotericist and the exotericist once more again in solid flanks. Einstein, for instance, with his theories, has pointed to a force more vast and omnipotent than any acknowledged by science the last fifty years. The closer he draws to actual Truth the more undeniable the existence of such a force becomes.

In time ectoplasm will receive as much enthusiastic scientific attention as the stratosphere; the art of projection will be taught as a part of the curriculum of the average school; chemistry will again be alchemy, for they cannot progress very much further without remembering and utilizing the truths that have been retained, repeated and emphasized throughout the ages by the Mystery Schools. At the present they are simply skirting along the banks of Truth. A knowledge of symbolism and the Zodiac are necessary if science is to proceed beyond the barriers of the material. They are now reaching

out into the unknown regions; the rarefied atmospheres, seeking the identity of the Rays, delving into the Abstract. To them it is all an uncharted, unknown Way, whereas to the occultist this is familiar territory. The latter sees what the scientist does not perceive, that all things are One, that specialization in science is futile and impossible, unless attention is diversified to include the science of Occultism, which had made a study of the Abstract since the beginning of time. In the field of controlling the material plane the scientist is a master; when he goes beyond that point he is as a child in the kindergarten of school years, -- troubled, uncertain and indefinite. Perhaps it is pride more than anything else which keeps the scientist from seeking the help, the advice and the counsel of Esoteric Masters. Once they have as a body, however, risen in cooperation with the leadership of a chosen few who have embraced the standards of esotericism they will find their further research to be very much more understandable and productive of helpful results.

For your extra curriculum study of this week, if you have an opportunity for so doing, find a few moments for reading a bit of current literature on the subject of scientific research. We are not going to suggest any particular source of scientific information, as the reading matter at your service will depend largely upon the research resources at your command. If you will go to your public library you no doubt can find current periodical devoted to scientific study, and these will give you a conception of what science is doing today. Keep in mind the instructions and the suggestions which we have given you in this lecture. As you read of these new inventions, of these new attempts at explaining Cosmic Forces, remember the instruction which has been given you prior to this, concerning evolution, polarity, karma, and all of the kindred principles of the Western Traditions. Learn to modernize these ideas, learn to read and associate what you read with Occult Thought. Certainly if this modern world is not based upon Occult Principles we should become aware of it; if our principles can be bombarded and shattered by the first question presented by a scientific discovery, then we had best find that out immediately and discard Occult Principles entirely.

But as you study, as you observe life, as you investigate the new things being done in science you are going to find that instead of having these discoveries plant doubt and question in your consciousness, that they will do just the opposite for you. They will give you a broader understanding of life and of these principles and will stimulate you to further endeavor, giving you not only the courage to go forward, but also giving you a very real sense of pride in being identified with this age holding such rare opportunities for progress and service.

The scientist is demonstrating in a tangible way the teachings of the Abstract philosophies....keeping abreast of the times is part of the duty of every practicing Occultist. Each new discovery or invention adds to the Divine stature of Universal Mind and gives us a new conception of the magnitude of its power.

In the Bonds of the Eternal Brotherhood.